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TO JAMES MADISON J. MSS.

Philadelphia, June 1. 1792.

My Dear Sir, —I sent you last week some of Fenno's papers in which you will have seen it asserted impudently & boldly that the suggestions against Members of Congress were mere falsehoods. I now inclose his Wednesdays paper. I send you also a copy of Hamilton's notes. Finding that the letter would not be ready to be delivered before the Pr's return, I make notes corresponding with his, shewing where I agreed, where I did not, & I put his & mine into the Pr's hand's to be perused a this leisure. The result was that he approved of the letter remaining as it was particularly on the article of Debts, which he thought a subject of justification & not merely of extenuation.—He never received my letter of the 23d till yesterday. He mentioned it to me in a moment when nothing more could be said than that he would take an occasion of conversing with me on the subject.

I have letters from France concerning the appointment there in the severest terms.